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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: WORKING GROUP II MEETINGS OCTOBER  
16, 17 AND 21, 1975 - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 66

1. SUMMARY. WORKING GROUP II MET OCTOBER 16, 17 AND 21 TO  
BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF AGREED PROTOCOL TEXT, WITH IT CLEARLY  
UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL RESULTS WERE AD REFERENDUM TO DELEGA-  
TIONS. SAFRW OV, OCTOBER 17, RESTATED MOROKHOV'S VIEWS  
EXPRESSED IN RESTRICTED MEETING (MOSCOW 14849, PARA 3, 4)  
THAT IN WORKING OUT AGREED LANGUAGE, IT WAS SOVIET VIEW  
THAT TECHNICAL DETAILS, THOUGH AGREED TO, SHOULD NOT  
NECESSARILY APPEAR IN PROTOCOLS. US SIDE RESTATED  
CONTRARY REQUIREMENT STATED BY STOESSEL (MOSCOW 14849  
PARA 11). IN MEETING OCTOBER 21 TWO SIDES EXCHANGED  
PARALLELED TEXTS ON MATERIAL COVERED IN EARLIER MEETINGS  
SHOWING RESPECTIVE UNDERSTANDINGS OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS.  
SOVIET SIDE WAS NOT PREPARED TO PROCEED FURTHER ON TEXT  
UNTIL OCTOBER 23. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING OCTOBER 16 COVERED DEFINITIONS IN TREATY AND  
PROTOCOL TEXT, AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE (ARTICLES 3, 4,  
5 OF US PROTOCOL I).

3. US SIDE PROPOSED TO SUBSTITUTE WORD "EXPLOSION" FOR  
"EVENT" WHERE APPLICABLE, AS CASE IN MOST INSTANCES, AND  
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OTHERWISE MODIFY LANGUAGE IN PROTOCOLS TO OBVIATE USE OF

WORD "EVENT". TO THAT END, FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS WERE INTRODUCED:

(A) "EXPLOSION" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OR GROUP OF SUCH EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES;

(B) "EXPLOSIVE" MEANS ANY DEVICE, MECHANISM OR SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING AN INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSION;

(C) "INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSION" MEANS THE EXPLOSION RESULTING FROM THE DETONATION OF AN EXPLOSIVE;

(D) "GROUP OF EXPLOSIONS" MEANS TWO OR MORE INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS SEPARATED BY TIME INTERVALS OF FIVE SECONDS OR LESS BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS AND FOR WHICH EACH EMPLACEMENT POINT OF AN EXPLOSIVE CAN BE CONNECTED TO EACH OF THE OTHER EMPLACEMENT POINTS BY A CONTINUOUS PATH CONSISTING OF STRAIGHT LINE SEGMENTS, EACH OF WHICH JOINS TWO EMPLACEMENT POINTS AND EACH OF WHICH IS 40 KILOMETERS OR LESS IN LENGTH.

SOVIETS AGREED TO FIRST THREE OF THOSE, THUS DOING AWAY WITH TECHNICALLY OBJECTIONABLE SOVIET DEFINITION OF "INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSION". US SIDE POINTED OUT AMBIGUITIES IN EARLIER DEFINITION OF GROUP OF EXPLOSIONS. SOVIET SIDE SAID ITS CONCEPTION OF GROUP EXPLOSION WAS SAME AS THAT OF US SIDE AND IT WOULD REFLECT ON LANGUAGE.

4. US SIDE AGREED TO DELETE DEFINITION OF "HOST PARTY" IN LIGHT OF UNSUITABILITY THIS PHRASE IN RUSSIAN, AND USE PHRASE "PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION."

5. IN DEFINITION OF "EMPLACEMENT HOLE" SOVIET SIDE ACCEPTED PHRASE "THE ENTIRE INTERIOR." US SIDE PROPOSED INSERTION OF PHRASE "IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE EMPLACEMENT, 3,5 098,5" TO FOLLOW "ANY INTERCONNECTED SPACES". THIS WAS DONE IN RESPONSE TO BEZUMOV'S REMARK (MOSCOW 14436 PARA 7). SOVIET SIDE INDICATED IT DID NOT DISAGREE WITH IDEA, BUT HAS NOT AS YET ACCEPTED LANGUAGE.

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6. INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROVISIONS IN US AND SOVIET PROTOCOLS APPEAR CLOSE TO AGREEMENT. CHIEF DIFFERENCES ARE IN SPECIFICATION OF NUMBERS, DIFFERENCES IN STRUCTURE, AND PRESENCE OF US PARAGRAPHS THAT DEAL WITH GROUP EXPLOSIONS (ARTICLE III PARA 2(B) AND THIRD PHRASE OF ARTICLE III PARA 3(B)) WHICH US SIDE AGREED SHOULD BE MOVED TO US PROTOCOL II. FOLLOWING ARE MORE DETAILED COMMENTS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE ARTICLES IN US DRAFT

PROTOCOL I:

ARTICLE II - AGREED ON WORDS. SOVIETS STILL WISH TO RETAIN THIS PROVISION IN THEIR ARTICLE I.

ARTICLE III - US ACCEPTED SOVIET FORMAT WITH TIME OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE PLACED IN SEPARATE ARTICLE AND PRINCIPLE OF PHASED TIMING OF EXCHANGE WITH ITEMS OF PARA 1 N DAYS BEFORE START OF CONSTRUCTION AND UPDATED AT M DAYS BEFORE THE EXPLOSION.

PARA 1 - AGREED ON WORDS.

PARA 2, SUBPARA (A) - AGREED ON WORDS.

OLD SUBPARA (B) - NOT DISCUSSED; TO BE MOVED TO PROTOCOL II.

NEW SUBPARA (B) - AGREED ON FOLLOWING WORDS:

"A DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC FEATURES OF GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE OR OTHER LOCAL CONDITIONS THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE DETERMINATION OF THE YIELD."

PAGE 3, SUBPARA (A) - AGREED TO " A STRATI-GRAPHIC COLUMN FOR EACH EMPLACEMENT HOLE". REMAINDER OF PARA AGREED TO USE US WORDS.

SUBPARA (B), (C) AND (D) WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY SOVIETS.

PARA 4 - SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED CHANGES RELATING TO PRECISION OF TIME; US SIDE IS CONSIDERING.

ARTICLE IV - SOVIETS HAVE ACCEPTED US TEXT.

ARTICLE V PARA 1 - AGREED ON US WORDING.

PARA 2 - DESPITE EXPLANATIONS, SOVIETS CLAIM NOT TO UNDERSTAND CONTENT. THEY FEEL IT COULD BE USED BY VERIFYING SIDE TO DELAY INDEFINITELY A PROJECT.

7. OCTOBER 17 MEETING BEGAN DISCUSSION ARTICLE VI US PROTOCOL I AND ARTICLE IV SOVIET PROPOSAL. SOVIET SIDE APPEARS AGREEABLE TO ACCEPT MUCH OF DETAIL AND WORDING  
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IN US TEXT, BUT WISHES TO BRACKET THOSE PARTS IN CONFLICT WITH BASIC ELEMENTS IF ITS POSITION, FOR EXAMPLE, REFERENCES TO VERIFYING SIDE INSTRUMENTS, AND TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL.

8. SAFRONOV BEGAN OCTOBER 21 MEETING BY HANDLING OVER RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COPY OF SOVIET VERSION OF PARALLEL BRACKETED TEXTS ON MATERIAL COVERED IN EARLIER MEETINGS, AS WELL AS REMAINDER OF PROTOCOL I, WITH COMMENT THAT IT CONTAINED NUMBER OF RELATIVELY MINOR CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS DRAFTS. SAFRONOV SAID THEY WOULD HAVE SUGGESTED LANGUAGE TO CORRESPOND TO US PROTOCOL II, INCLUDING SOME AGREED LANGUAGE, IN NEXT DAY OR SO, AND PROPOSED NEXT MEETING FOR THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23.

9. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF SOVIET VERSION OF PARALLEL

TEXTS IN RUSSIAN SHOWS SOME DISCREPANCIES WITH AGREEMENTS  
THAT HAD BEEN REACHED, INDICATING THAT SOVIET SIDE MAY  
HAVE RETREATED FROM ACCEPTED POSITIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIETS HAVE  
WITHDRAWN SPECIFIC NUMBERS FOR PRECISE AND SUBSTITUTED  
BLANKS IN ARTICLE III, PARAS 1, 2, AND 3. US SIDE WILL  
EXPLORE THESE MATTERS IN MEETING OCTOBER 23.

10. DELEGATION AT THIS TIME DOES NOT CONSIDER IT NECES-  
SARY TO REPLACE FRYKLUND.  
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